

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs

Nature Center
Open Daily 10am-5pm

Virgil I. Grissom Memorial
Open Daily 8:30am-4pm

Pioneer Village & Twin Caves

Closed for the Season

Watch for the
roving naturalist!



Look for our
hikes and strolls!



Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.
Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group (prices vary). (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HP-HP *Healthy Parks – Healthy People*

Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.

2008 Special Event List for Spring Mill State Park

Now Available by Request at the Nature Center

February 2008


Saturday, February 2

11am-5pm 2nd Annual Geocache Challenge - Bring your GPS unit to complete a multi-stage geocache challenge that will take you on a unique tour of Spring Mill State Park! *Each cache in the challenge contains a different item, representing that spot in the park, for you to take home (while supplies last).* A special prize will be awarded to the first person who completes the entire challenge!

Drop by the Nature Center between 11am and 5pm to get the coordinates to the first cache or warm up between stages (we'll have hot drinks available!). The entire challenge is designed to be completed in 2-3 hours; you may continue to look for caches until the park closes at 11pm, but no help will be available after 5pm (and it can get really cold once the sun goes down)!

Sunday, February 3

10:30am Hibernation Station – How do animals survive the cold winter? Some sleep right through it! Find out what kinds of animals in this area hibernate and how they do it. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

3:00pm  **Rodent Weather Watcher** – Can groundhogs really predict the weather? You'll discover if there's any truth behind Groundhog's Day while exploring the life of America's largest rodent. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).



Saturday, February 9

- 4:00pm **Acorn Snowmen** – Discover what makes snow good for making a snowman while we make some miniature snowmen out of acorns. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).



Sunday, February 10

- 2:30pm **Explore the Underground** – Want a break from the chilly weather? The temperature inside Spring Mill's caves is always in the mid-50s! We'll check out the dry-side of Donaldson Cave and talk about its history. *Wear good shoes and, if you have one, bring a flashlight.* Meet next to the bulletin board in Donaldson Picnic Area parking lot (1 hr).

Thursday, February 14

- 7:00pm **Owls in "Love" Evening Hike** – Love is in the air this Valentine's Day... and not just for people! Owls are on the look-out right now for just the right partner. On this special evening hike, we'll try to call a couple of these "love-sick" owls in close when discussing how owls find a mate and prepare for nesting. *Please dress for the weather! Cost is \$1/person.* Meet on the front patio of the Nature Center (45 min).



Saturday, February 16

- 1-2pm **Feed the Birds** – Drop by to create a simple bird feeder out of recycled materials. Your feathered friends will thank you! Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

Sunday, February 17

- 1-2pm **Lincoln Log Cabin** – Celebrate President's Day by dropping by to design a cabin that celebrates President Abraham Lincoln, who spent his childhood in Indiana. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

Saturday, February 23

- 2:00pm **FrogWatch USA Training Workshop** – Become part of the *FrogWatch* team at Spring Mill State Park! *FrogWatch USA* is a National Wildlife Federation program that coordinates amphibian monitoring across the country. We'll teach you how to identify our native frogs and toads by their calls and then how to count and monitor them. At the end of the workshop, you can sign up for a *FrogWatch* shift(s) to help us collect information on the frogs and toads in Spring Mill State Park. Workshop will meet in the Program Room at the Nature Center (2 hr).



The workshop is FREE but advance registration is required; call the Nature Center at 812-849-4129 and let us know if you plan to attend by no later than Wednesday, February 20!

Sunday, February 24

- 11:30pm **The Real Life: Raccoons** – Explore the life of our ubiquitous masked bandit, the raccoon, and find out what you should and shouldn't do when they're around. Finish up by making a cute raccoon craft to take home. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

